

## North Carolina Early Childhood Outcomes Initiative

### Age Referencing by Early Childhood Outcome

Age Expectation Developmental Milestones by Age Group & Early Childhood Outcomes		
<p><b>Outcome 1:</b> <b>Positive Social-Emotional Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>Birth - 6 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixating on the human face and tracking or Following movements presented at 9 to 12 inches from the face</li> <li>• Turning their head and eyes in the direction of the parent voice</li> <li>• Being comforted and appearing to enjoy touch and being held by a familiar adult</li> <li>• Anticipating being lifted or fed and moving body toward adult when being approached</li> <li>• Smiling spontaneously to human contact, smiling in play, and smiling at self in mirror</li> <li>• Initiating and terminating social interactions</li> <li>• Enjoying games with others such as “Where is your nose?” and “So Big!”</li> <li>• Vocalizing in response to babbling behavior, Vocalizations and speech produced by an adult</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 2:</b> <b>Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>Birth - 6 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning to reach for objects</li> <li>• Observing hands and fingers</li> <li>• Looking to place on body where being touched</li> <li>• Clasping hands together and exploring fingers</li> <li>• Trying to cause things to happen such as kicking a mobile and smiling</li> <li>• Squeezing a rubber toy and shows pleasure</li> <li>• Dropping a ball and observing the fall</li> <li>• Developing more precise imitation skills of facial movements and speech sounds</li> <li>• Securing an object that is partially hidden with a cloth</li> <li>• Repeating arm movements to keep a toy activated, keep mom singing, or other causal event</li> <li>• Demonstrating exploratory behaviors with objects</li> <li>• Varying pitch and intonation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 3:</b> <b>Taking Appropriate Action to Meet Needs</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>Birth - 6 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Producing different cries for different reasons</li> <li>• Beginning to reach for objects</li> <li>• Rolling over in one direction</li> <li>• Sitting independently with minimal assistance</li> <li>• Bringing hands together at midline</li> <li>• Rooting reflex; turns mouth toward hand rubbing cheek</li> <li>• Expressing displeasure when clothes are pulled over head</li> <li>• Enjoying bath; keeps eyes open and indicates pleasure when placed in warm water</li> <li>• Walking reflex; when held upright with feet resting on flat surface, lifts feet alternately in walking-like motion</li> <li>• Lifting and rotating head</li> <li>• Holding small objects or toys</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Outcome 1: Positive Social-Emotional Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>7 - 12 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imitating familiar words in turn taking</li> <li>• Smiling and laughing during turn-taking</li> <li>• Participating in simple games (e.g., pat-a-cake)</li> <li>• Demonstrating anticipation of play activities</li> <li>• Showing sensitivity to the mood of others</li> <li>• Performing for social attention</li> <li>• Participating in speech routine games</li> <li>• Exhibiting anxious behavior around unfamiliar adults</li> <li>• Using gestures and vocalizing to protest</li> <li>• Shouting or vocalizing to gain attention</li> <li>• Responding to a request of “come here”</li> <li>• Stopping when name is called</li> <li>• Maintaining attention to speaker</li> <li>• Responding with gesture to (come up” or “want up”</li> <li>• Waving in response to “bye bye”</li> <li>• Saying “mama” or “dada” meaningfully</li> <li>• Using a word to call a person</li> <li>• Pushing or pulling an adult’s hand to have a behavior instigated or repeated</li> <li>• Repeating a behavior (shows off) to maintain adult attention</li> <li>• Showing attachment to favorite toy or blanket</li> <li>• Expressing two or more emotions (pleasure, fear, sadness)</li> <li>• Briefly stopping behavior when told “no”</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>7 - 12 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually attending to an object for five seconds</li> <li>• Following an auditory stimulus</li> <li>• Reaching for and grasping blocks or other small toys</li> <li>• Transferring objects from one hand to another</li> <li>• Reaching for objects while in a prone position</li> <li>• Demonstrating a refined neat pincer grasp with thumb opposition</li> <li>• Pointing with index finger</li> <li>• Imitating behaviors initiated by caregiver including: playing peek-a-boo; smiling and laughing during turn-taking; or attempting to name pictures and objects</li> <li>• Banging blocks and other small toys</li> <li>• Repeatedly throwing or dropping objects to watch the movement</li> <li>• Stirring with a spoon in a cup</li> <li>• Banging spoon on inverted cup or tabletop</li> <li>• Demonstrating emerging problem solving skills such as: placing objects in the mouth and mouthing; pushing or pulling adult’s hands to have a behavior instigated or repeated; turning a mirror or picture over to view the functional side; using a hammer or stick to play a xylophone</li> <li>• Singing along with a familiar song</li> <li>• Using gesture and/or vocalizing to protest</li> <li>• Shouting or vocalizing to gain attention</li> <li>• Responding to a request to “come here”</li> <li>• Saying “mama” or “dada” meaningfully</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 3: Taking Appropriate Action to Meet Needs</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>7 - 12 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pulling self to standing posture next to furniture</li> <li>• Cruising around furniture</li> <li>• Drinking from a cup</li> <li>• Beginning to pick up cup and take a few swallows when thirsty</li> <li>• Beginning to feed self finger foods</li> <li>• Beginning to grab for spoon when being fed</li> <li>• Moving 3 or more feet by crawling</li> <li>• Bringing self to a sitting position when lying on back</li> <li>• Reaching for and grasping blocks or other small toys</li> <li>• Transferring objects from one hand to another</li> <li>• Reaching for objects while in a prone position</li> <li>• Demonstrating a refined neat pincer grasp with thumb opposition</li> <li>• Pointing with index finger</li> <li>• Moving body to music</li> <li>• Pulling off own socks</li> <li>• Beginning to cooperate when being dressed</li> <li>• Fussing when diaper needs to be Changed</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Outcome 2:</b> <b>Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>7 - 12 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imitating consonant and vowel combinations</li><li>• Imitating non-speech sounds</li><li>• Vocalizing with intent frequently</li><li>• Using a word to call a person</li><li>• Giving objects upon verbal request</li><li>• Performing a routine activity upon verbal request</li><li>• Looking at familiar objects and people when named</li><li>• Understanding simple questions</li><li>• Identifying two body parts on self</li><li>• Demonstrating intense attention to adult language</li><li>• Maintaining attention to speaker</li><li>• Responding with gesture to “come up” or “want up”</li><li>• Waving in response to “byebye”</li></ul>	
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<p><b>Outcome 1: Positive Social-Emotional Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>13 - 24 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following a 2 or 3 step direction</li> <li>• Engaging in pretend play</li> <li>• Demonstrating more complex exploration and play skills with toys and objects</li> <li>• Discriminating between familiar and unfamiliar people</li> <li>• Showing awareness of the feelings of others</li> <li>• Initiating familiar turn-taking routines</li> <li>• Requesting assistance from an adult</li> <li>• “Checking-in” with familiar adults while playing</li> <li>• Resisting change, transitions are difficult</li> <li>• Enjoying peer play and joint exploration</li> <li>• Beginning to see benefits of cooperation</li> <li>• Demonstrating a functional use of objects such as trying to use a toy car or drinking from a toy cup</li> <li>• Exploring the environment independently</li> <li>• Using vocalizations and words during pretend play</li> <li>• Playing alone for short periods</li> <li>• Having temper tantrums when frustrated</li> <li>• Sometimes doing the opposite of what is asked of them</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>13 - 24 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning to explore the environment independently</li> <li>• Turning the pages in a book</li> <li>• Looking at, pointing to, and naming pictures in a book</li> <li>• Imitating scribbling motions and closer to 24 months making a horizontal and vertical stroke with crayon</li> <li>• Initiating familiar turn-taking routines</li> <li>• Following one-step commands during play</li> <li>• Pointing to two action words in pictures</li> <li>• Pointing to, showing, and giving an object</li> <li>• Handing a toy to an adult for assistance</li> <li>• Identifying six body parts</li> <li>• Completing two requests with an object</li> <li>• Choosing two familiar objects upon request</li> <li>• Identifying objects by category</li> <li>• Asking “What’s that?”</li> <li>• Demonstrating symbolic play, using one object as a signifier for another object</li> <li>• Attempting to repair broken toys</li> <li>• Choosing one object from a group of five upon verbal request</li> <li>• Stacking 5 or 6 blocks</li> <li>• Using two word utterances sometimes combined with gestures, to communicate</li> <li>• Using three-word phrases occasionally</li> <li>• Using consonants such as “t,” “d,” “n”, and “h”</li> <li>• Imitating words overheard in conversation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 3: Taking Appropriate Action to Meet Needs</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>13 - 24 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning to explore the environment independently</li> <li>• Gesturing to indicate toileting needs</li> <li>• Using two word utterances, combined with gestures, to communicate</li> <li>• Walking independently with good quality</li> <li>• Demonstrating more advanced movement and motor skills such as running and climbing</li> <li>• Following a 2 or 3 step direction</li> <li>• Picking up small items (food or toys) with the ends of the thumb and index finger in an overhand approach (neat pincer grasp)</li> <li>• Initiating familiar turn-taking routines</li> <li>• Requesting assistance from an adult</li> <li>• Saying “Me-do” when offered assistance by an adult</li> <li>• Trying to wash own hands and face</li> <li>• Demonstrating the functional use of objects•</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Outcome 2: Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>13 - 24 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naming 5 to 7 objects upon request</li> <li>• Using new words regularly (having a vocabulary of 100+ words by 24 months)</li> <li>• Spontaneously naming objects, persons, and actions</li> <li>• Following a 2 or 3 step direction</li> <li>• Following novel commands</li> <li>• Relating personal experience</li> <li>• Referring to self by name</li> <li>• Using early pronouns occasionally</li> <li>• Engaging in adult-like dialogue</li> <li>• Using sentence-like intonation patterns</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Outcome 1: Positive Social-Emotional Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>25 - 30 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having difficulty sharing with peers</li> <li>• Being apt to snatch, push, kick, rather than give and take in polite fashion</li> <li>• Throwing tantrums when frustrated</li> <li>• Showing facial expression and behavior indicating pity, shame and modesty</li> <li>• Being restless, rebellious and very active at times</li> <li>• Becoming resistant and dawdling at times</li> <li>• Obeying adult requests approximately half of the time</li> <li>• Wanting to do favorite activities over and over again</li> <li>• Continuing to try a difficult task for a brief period of time (building with blocks for 3 to 5 minutes)</li> <li>• Insisting on some choices</li> <li>• Seeking and accepting assistance when encountering difficulties</li> <li>• Inventing new uses for everyday materials with assistance (banging on pots and pans, using a box for a house)</li> <li>• Approaching tasks experimentally, adapting as the activity evolves</li> <li>• Displaying understanding of how objects work together (gets the dustpan when adult is sweeping the floor)</li> <li>• Substituting similar objects (uses boxes for blocks)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>25 - 30 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liking to take things apart and put them together again (puzzles, toys)</li> <li>• Following caregiver around the house and copying domestic activities in simultaneous play</li> <li>• Identifying boy or girl in picture book</li> <li>• Adding sounds to action (“Vroom” for trucks, talks to teddy bears)</li> <li>• Making doll/toy act on self as though capable of performing actions independent of child (placing brush in doll’s hand, then moving the doll’s arms as if doll is combing hair)</li> <li>• Communicating about the actions of others</li> <li>• Answering simple “who,” “what,” “where,” questions about familiar people or things</li> <li>• Asking increasing numbers of questions (“where?” “who?”)</li> <li>• Understanding negatives (no, not, can’t, don’t)</li> <li>• Formulating negative judgments (“spoon, not fork”)</li> <li>• Naming at least one color correctly</li> <li>• Adding information to the prior utterance of a communicative partner</li> <li>• Understanding simple possessive forms (daddy’s shirt)</li> <li>• Understanding complex sentences (“When we get to the store, I’ll buy you an ice cream cone.”)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 3: Taking Appropriate Action to Meet Needs</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>25 - 30 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding spoon, scooping food and bringing to mouth with spilling</li> <li>• Playing on outdoor play structures (climbing, sliding)</li> <li>• Removing unfastened garments</li> <li>• Taking off own shoes, socks, and some pants</li> <li>• Putting on socks, coat, and shirt</li> <li>• Knowing which faucet is hot and cold</li> <li>• Trying to wash self</li> <li>• Unscrewing lid on small (1”) jar or bottle</li> <li>• Opening door by turning handle</li> <li>• Turning knob to open doors or turn on objects (radio, TV, stereo)</li> <li>• Sitting on riding toys and pushing with feet; may ride tricycle</li> <li>• Swinging leg to kick a stationary ball</li> <li>• Expressing likes and dislikes; may be a fussy eater</li> <li>• Helping clean up; putting things away</li> <li>• Imitating circular, vertical and horizontal strokes</li> <li>• Stacking 6 to 7 blocks when building</li> <li>• Walking up steps, alternating feet while holding rail or hand for support</li> <li>• Snipping paper with scissor</li> <li>• Using one hand consistently in most activities</li> <li>• Catching ball (by trapping against body) when playing with adult or peer</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Outcome 2: Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>25 - 30 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using morphemes (in, on)</li> <li>• Correctly producing phonemes (- s, d, -d, -k, f, - f, -ng, y)</li> <li>• Saying “No!” to adult request</li> <li>• Using concept “mine” to denote possessiveness</li> <li>• Repeating adult phrases</li> <li>• Recounting an event, with assistance</li> <li>• Beginning to recall parts of a previously heard story</li> <li>• Requesting to hear familiar stories</li> <li>• Changing intonation and tone to communicate meaning</li> <li>• Using non-verbal gestures and body language to express needs and feelings (hugs, hands on hips, etc)</li> <li>• Addressing listener appropriately to get attention (uses child’s or adult’s name to get attention)</li> <li>• Using sound effects for animals, vehicles, etc in play</li> <li>• Understanding “one”, “all” (“Give me one block.”)</li> <li>• Matching an object to a picture</li> <li>• Matching simple shapes such</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Outcome 1: Positive Social-Emotional Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>37 - 48 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 to 75% of conversational speech is easily understood by unfamiliar listeners</li> <li>• Demonstrating body spatial awareness in relationship to stationary objects</li> <li>• Participating in movement games such as “Red Light, Green Light,” “Ring Around the Rosie,” “Follow the Leader,” “Freeze Tag,” where children can run and stop or change direction while in motion</li> <li>• Responding to and making a verbal greeting</li> <li>• Delivering simple messages</li> <li>• Changing tone of voice and sentence structure to Match listener’s level of understanding</li> <li>• Enjoying playing alone, but near other children</li> <li>• Beginning to show cooperative play without adult supervision</li> <li>• Enjoying playing with other children briefly, but still may not cooperate or share well</li> <li>• Demonstrating fears (mechanical toys, vacuum cleaner, thunder, dark)</li> <li>• Wanting to be “big girl”, “big boy”, and acquire new skills</li> <li>• Answering the question, “Are you a boy or a girl?” correctly</li> <li>• Identifying feelings, likes and dislikes, but may not be able to explain why</li> <li>• Communicating emotions to peers in an appropriate manner</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>37 - 48 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 to 75% of conversational speech is easily understood by unfamiliar listeners</li> <li>• Drawing a person with head and three additional features</li> <li>• Relaying simple messages</li> <li>• Connecting consequences to a specific behavior, but may not understand why the behavior warrants the consequence</li> <li>• Using multiple strategies to solve problems</li> <li>• Asking for help from other sources when solving social and/or cognitive problems</li> <li>• Referring more frequently to the activities of others</li> <li>• Referring more frequently to objects and events removed in time</li> <li>• Elaborating and expanding other’s utterances</li> <li>• Asking questions about persons and things</li> <li>• Verbalizing opposite analogies</li> <li>• Completing simple analogies (We eat with a ____, We sleep on a ____)</li> <li>• Following three step commands given in a complex sentence</li> <li>• Comprehending congruent and incongruent tasks (“Can you stand up and sit down at the same time?”)</li> <li>• Understanding temporal terms (before and after)</li> <li>• Understanding time terms “now, soon, later”</li> <li>• Understanding prepositions in temporal expressions (in a week, after awhile)</li> <li>• Understanding concept of more</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 3: Taking Appropriate Action to Meet Needs</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>37 - 48 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unscrewing cap off bottle</li> <li>• Using the toilet with some help (many boys may not be ready for toilet learning until 3 ½)</li> <li>• Sleeping through most nights without wetting the bed (occasional accidents are still quite common)</li> <li>• Exploring a variety of movements (pulling, crawling, catching balls, throwing bean bags, waving scarves, kicking balls)</li> <li>• Using tools appropriately (wooden hammers, spoon and fork, scissors, crayons, markers, pencils)</li> <li>• Buttoning one button or snap</li> <li>• Performing tasks using more refined and dexterous motions (buttoning, zipping, attempts tying shoes)</li> <li>• Walking upstairs and downstairs alternating feet without holding on to rail demonstrating body spatial awareness in relationship to stationary objects</li> <li>• Changing tone of voice and sentence structure to match listener’s level of understanding</li> <li>• Accepting suggestions and follows simple directions</li> <li>• Feeding self with spoon and small fork, spilling very little</li> <li>• Buttering bread with small knife</li> <li>• Pouring milk and juice with little assistance</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Outcome 1:</b> <b>Positive Social-Emotional Skills</b> Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>49 - 60 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•80% of conversational speech is easily understood to unfamiliar listeners</li> <li>• Asking for adult help as needed</li> <li>• Recognizing others' needs and giving assistance</li> <li>• Preferring to play with other children to playing alone except when involved in a project</li> <li>• Showing respect for property and rights of others by asking permission to use others' possessions</li> <li>• Engaging in cooperative play</li> <li>• Initiating appropriate tasks without being reminded</li> <li>• Attending during large group for ten minutes</li> <li>• Waiting for turn for adult attention</li> <li>• Relating new experiences to past</li> <li>• Working cooperatively with others in completing a task</li> <li>• Showing forethought when engaging in activities</li> <li>• Separating from parents without crying</li> <li>• Having a best friend of the same gender</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 2:</b> <b>Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b> Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>49 - 60 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80% of conversational speech is easily understood to unfamiliar listeners</li> <li>• Stringing beads according to a pattern</li> <li>• Drawing a person with more than five parts</li> <li>• Verbalizing similarities and differences in people</li> <li>• Exploring materials (blocks, stack, haul, play dough-roll, squeeze, boxes-fill, empty)</li> <li>• Dictating individual story book, familiar stories from books and experiences</li> <li>• Matching sounds in familiar songs</li> <li>• Clapping syllables in name</li> <li>• Identifying some letter sounds</li> <li>• Articulating the difference between beginning and ending sounds (fish/dish, can/cat, ring/rat, bat/hat)</li> <li>• Substituting sounds in words (bat-rat, hat-hit, rag-rat)</li> <li>• Verbally identifying the beginning sound of name</li> <li>• Identifying letters in first and last name</li> <li>• Recognizing first, middle and last name in print</li> <li>• Verbally identifying signs in environment</li> <li>• Verbally identifying labels in classroom and home (cereal, names, calendar)</li> <li>• Using print forms in imaginary play (menu, lists, newspaper)</li> <li>• Responding to questions relating to story</li> <li>• Completing a sentence that repeats itself in a familiar story</li> <li>• Acting out stories from a book (Three Little Pigs)</li> <li>• Attending while being read to for 4 to 10 minutes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome 3:</b> <b>Taking Appropriate Action to Meet Needs</b> Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>49 - 60 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiping nose independently</li> <li>• Washing and drying face</li> <li>• Brushing teeth (rinses and expels liquid)</li> <li>• Demonstrating hand dominance-right or left</li> <li>• Holding a pencil with a three finger grasp</li> <li>• Walking up and down stairs alternating feet</li> <li>• Beginning to gallop</li> <li>• Demonstrating meal time skills including: setting table; using knife to spread and cut; holding glass while pouring milk; serving self; cleaning up spills without help</li> <li>• Looking both ways before crossing street</li> <li>• Independently fastening seatbelt in automobile</li> <li>• Making activity choices without teacher's help</li> <li>• Zipping zippers</li> <li>• Lacing shoes</li> <li>• Dressing and undressing independently, including front fastenings, requiring assistance with ties and back fastenings</li> <li>• Jumping over objects 5 to 6 inches high; landing with feet together</li> <li>• Cutting a circle with a scissor</li> <li>• Galloping, leading with one foot</li> <li>• Completing a simple treasure hunt map</li> </ul>
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**Outcome 2:  
Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills**

Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....

**49 - 60 Months**

- Showing interest in reading related activities, such as independently looking at a book or drawing pictures based on a story
- Constructing complex structures with vertical, horizontal and symmetrical lines
- Pretending to write following natural progression of left to right, top to bottom
- Beginning to make real letters
- Copying letters of first name and symbols
- Giving 3, 5, 7 objects upon request
- Recognizing number symbols
- Extending patterns of objects or pictures
- Naming small, medium and large (“What size is this?”)
- Rote counting objects to ten
- Understanding concepts of more, less, add, take away
- Arranging different colored blocks according to teacher design
- Classifying numbers
- Beginning to understand simple logical problems
- Making comparisons among objects
- Demonstrating an awareness that different families practice different traditions
- Enjoying stories, poems about different people
- Demonstrating an awareness of rules
- Using objects such as cash registers and other occupational tools to role play various occupations
- Placing common household objects in the

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	<p>appropriate room of a house</p> <p><b>Outcome 2:</b>  <b>Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills</b></p> <p>Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by.....</p> <p><b>49 - 60 Months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describing why it is important to keep passageways clear of clutter</li> <li>• Using a computer software program to complete a learning activity</li> <li>• Using a CD player or tape player to listen to songs or stories</li> <li>• Asking questions about persons and things</li> <li>• Elaborating and expanding on others' utterances</li> <li>• Sequencing a story using at least three pictures</li> <li>• Following prepositional directions on/around/over/under</li> <li>• Pointing to shoulder, heel, hand, neck, arms, elbow, knee, chin, legs</li> <li>• Naming mouth, eye, ear, nose, and fingers</li> <li>• Demonstrating understanding of when and why</li> <li>• Following 3 to 4 directions given at one time and carried out over time</li> <li>• Retelling an experience</li> <li>• Responding appropriately (verbally) to requests made by adults</li> <li>• Calling teachers and peers by name</li> <li>• Using at least 5 to 6 word sentences</li> <li>• Using "I," "me," "you," "mine"</li> <li>• Telling age, middle name, last name, parent's name, address, phone number, birthday, days of week</li> <li>• Asking definitions of words</li> <li>• Asking questions about people and things</li> <li>• Using regular plurals, past tense, -ing verbs and possessives</li> </ul>	
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